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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

  
LORI GLASGOW  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT A “VETERANS CONNECT @ THE LIBRARY”  
GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY FOR  
A VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER AT THE LA PUENTE LIBRARY**

**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Public Library is recommending that the Board of Supervisors accept the “Veterans Connect @ the Library” grant award from the California State Library of up to \$12,000 for a Veterans Resource Center at the La Puente Library, for the grant period from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15378 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and is exempt pursuant to Class 1 of the County’s Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.
2. Accept the “Veterans Connect @ the Library” grant award of up to \$12,000 from the California State Library, funded by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds, for the La Puente Library, for the grant period from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.
3. Authorize and delegate authority to the County Librarian or her designee to execute any documents/agreements related to the acceptance and use of the grant funds; to expend the grant funds as necessary for the completion of the grant projects; and to meet the conditions of the grant award.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Public Library to establish a Veterans Resource Center at the La Puente Library with funding from the California State Library. On March 17, 2015, the Board approved acceptance of the Veterans Connect @ the Library grant award from the California State Library to create a Veterans Resource Center at the Lancaster Library. On the same day, a motion presented by Supervisor Kuehl to direct the County Librarian to evaluate and report back on the Lancaster Library pilot program to determine the feasibility of Veteran's Resource Center models in other County libraries. On December 7, 2015, the Public Library reported back to the Board with proposals for expanding to two program models for your consideration. This Board letter follows the Board motion directive and replicates the Veteran's Resource Center in the La Puente Library.

The resource center will focus on reintegrating California veterans into the California workforce and its communities by providing library material and references for checkout, access to databases, identifying veteran resources within the community and having referral information available to staff, volunteers, and to veterans and their families (e.g. web resources, bulletin boards, pamphlets, etc.).

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal in the area of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by providing quality public service to the La Puente Library service area.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The grant award of up to \$12,000 is funded by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds, for the grant period from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

The grant funds will be used to purchase the necessary services and supplies to implement a Veterans Resource Center at the La Puente Library and fund staff support related to the project. The Public Library's existing Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budget has the appropriation to cover expenditures for this grant. Acceptance of this one-time grant does not commit the County to provide ongoing services.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

County policy requires that grants be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. A Grant Management statement is not required for this grant because the grant amount is under \$100,000.

This Board letter has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they do not constitute a project according to Section 15378 of CEQA.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This grant award will enable the Public Library to establish a Veterans Resource Center at the La

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Puente Library.

**CONCLUSION**

If there are any questions or there is a need for additional information, please contact Yolanda De Ramus, Chief Deputy, at (562) 940-8412.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SKYE PATRICK', with a stylized, cursive flourish.

SKYE PATRICK

County Librarian

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c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor-Controller